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1. Murmansk/Murmashi airfield (68-48N, 32-47E) reportedly has been extended recently. Located on the east and south side of Murmashi, with an elevation of 60 meters, its size in mid-July 1952 was 1300 by 1650 meters.
2. The runways were still unsurfaced at that time, consisting of earth and gravel. The longest useable runway was 1550 meters, NNE-SSW. There were taxiways on the southeastern and northwestern sides of the field.
3. There were 22 covered and 18 open "stalls" for aircraft at the field.<sup>1</sup> Two large repair hangars and three barracks were located about 1300 meters south of the field. Just north of the field was a large camp consisting of newly constructed houses and a small factory. There were other scattered buildings surrounding the field.
4. A power station was located north of the railroad station in Murmashi.
5. Antiaircraft gun installations were located due north of the airfield.
6. There were 36 aircraft at the field. These included IL-4 and P-63 types. There was one Li-2 without windows in the fuselage, and one two-seat reconnaissance aircraft with a blunt nose, similar to an IL-4 but having only one engine. No jet or four-engine aircraft were observed. All aircraft were located on the eastern and northern end of the field.


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1. The aircraft were engaged in continuous landings and take-offs, indicating the probable use of Murmashi for training. Air-to-ground firing practice was also observed.
2. There was a considerable amount of truck traffic on the field, but no tank trucks for refueling were noted. No bomb loaders or special equipment were observed.

 Comment: It is not clear whether or not these stalls are revetments.

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Attachment: Two wartime German photographs of Murmansk/Murmashi airfield (to Department of the Air Force only).

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